Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [001] as indicated below:

[001] This application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/073,103 ("Linear Block Interleaver System and Method") filed May 5, 1998, now U.S. Patent Number 6,668,023, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional No. 60/070,070, filed December 30, 1997.